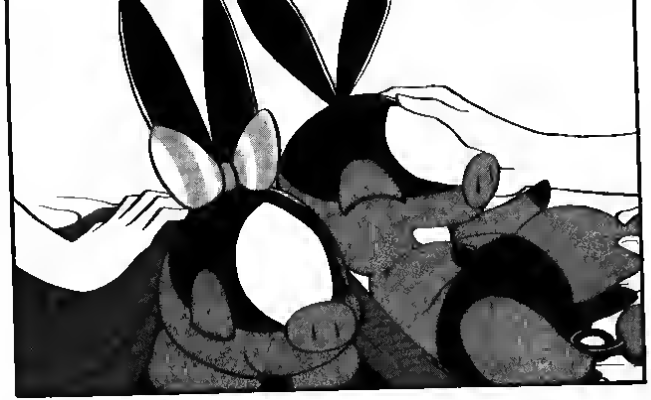
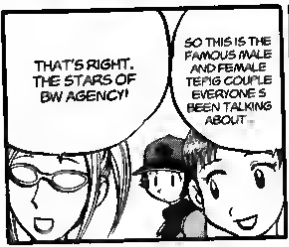
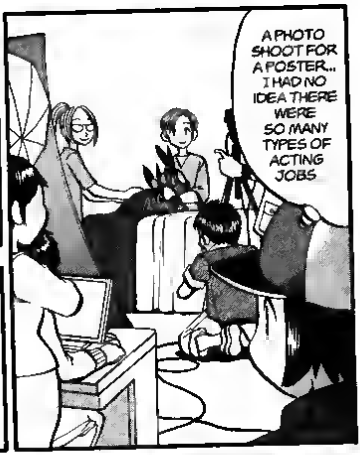
Adventure 18
Big-City Battles

SO HUGE...
CHECK IT OUT, TEP!
CASTELIA CITY!!
I KNEW THIS WAS A BIG CITY, BUT THIS IS INCRED-IBLE!!
SO MANY STREETS AND SKY-SCRAPERS!!
AND THIS AND THAT AND AAARGH!!
THERE ARE FIVE DOCKS FOR SHIPS TO COME AND GO!

YOU'RE QUICK TODAY. EVERYTHING DONE?
HEY, BOSS!
HMPH! MUST YOU ALWAYS SHOUT?!
I TOOK GIGI FOR A MASSAGE, BOUGHT HER NEW COSTUMES, AND SOME OF CASTELIA CITY'S FAMOUS CASTELIACONES. A PRODUCTIVE DAY!
I'M GOING TO NEED TEP TOD! IS THAT OKAY?!
SURE I GUESS.
I'D LOVE TO HAVE HER IN OUR AD!
OH...!
I THOUGHT SHE WAS ADORABLE THE MOMENT I SAW HER- AND SHE'S A STAR?!
THE MANAGER OF THE MASSAGE SHOP SAID...
WAY TO GO!
AND THAT'S NOT ALL! I EVEN DRUMMED UP SOME MORE BUSINESS! YAY! ♡

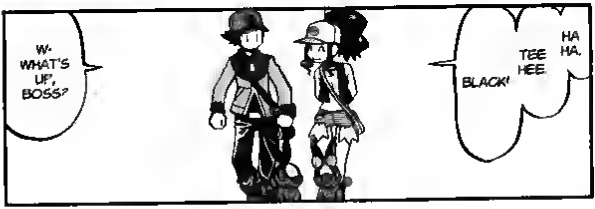


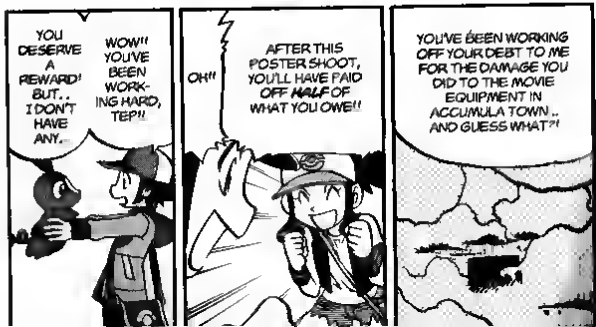

SO THIS IS THE FAMOUS MALE AND FEMALE TEPIG COUPLE EVERYONE'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT.
THAT'S RIGHT. THE STARS OF BW AGENCY!


A PHOTO SHOOT FOR A POSTER... I HAD NO IDEA THERE WERE SO MANY TYPES OF ACTING JOBS

I HEAR YOUR OTHER POKÉMON ARE TALENTED TOO.
THEY'RE ALL ACTORS. THEY CAN GIVE YOU THE EXACT EXPRESSION AND POSE YOU ASK FOR.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
WONDER-FUL! IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU!
IF YOU NEED ANYTHING ELSE, JUST GIVE ME A BUZZ!
Caring Hands 2 Soothe You
Pokémon Massage
THIS IS WHAT THE FINISHED POSTER WILL LOOK LIKE.


W-WHAT'S UP, BOSS?
BLACK!
TEE HEE
HA HA.


YOU DESERVE A REWARD! BUT.. I DON'T HAVE ANY..
WOW!! YOU'VE BEEN WORK-ING HARD, TEP!!
OH!!
AFTER THIS POSTER SHOOT, YOU'LL HAVE PAID OFF HALF OF WHAT YOU OWE!!
YOU'VE BEEN WORKING OFF YOUR DEBT TO ME FOR THE DAMAGE YOU DID TO THE MOVIE EQUIPMENT IN ACCUMULA TOWN.. AND GUESS WHAT?!

...POISON AND PARALYSIS DURING A POKÉMON BATTLE!
CASTELIA-CONES HEAL STATUS CONDITIONS LIKE...
HERE! I'VE GOT A REWARD FOR TEP!
CASTELIA-CONES?
HOW COME YOU SPENT ALL THAT TIME IN LINE JUST TO GET THESE FOR US..?
BOSS...
YOU BET! THANKS!
YOU CAN USE THEM, RIGHT?
...SUPPORT YOUR DREAM.
I'M GLAD YOU ASKED. I'VE DECIDED TO..

"I'M GOING TO THE POKÉMON LEAGUE!"
TO BE HONEST, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK WHEN I FIRST HEARD YOU SHOUTING...
..PURSUE THAT DREAM. I RESPECT THAT!!
BUT YOU'VE WON GYM BATTLES AND EARNED ALL THOSE BADGES TO..
!!
REALLY?!
I'M WILLING TO PAY THOSE EXPENSES FOR YOU
THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS YOU'LL NEED ON THE WAY TO HELP YOU, RIGHT?
BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO CONTINUE ON YOUR JOURNEY...
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT POKÉMON BATTLES...
POKÉ BALLS, POTIONS, ITEMS TO USE IN BATTLE. NOT TO MENTION FEEDING MY POKÉMON DAILY AND—
RIGHT

WHAT DO YOU SAY...?
AS YOUR SPONSOR, BW AGENCY WILL HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR DREAM
..YOU'LL WEAR OUR COMPANY LOGO! ♡
AND WHEN YOU DO APPEAR IN THE POKÉMON LEAGUE..
IN RETURN I'D LIKE YOU TO CONTINUE TO HELP ME WITH MY WORK.
AND WE CAN KEEP WORKING TOGETHER TOO, TEPI
I THINK WE'LL BE A GREAT TEAM!

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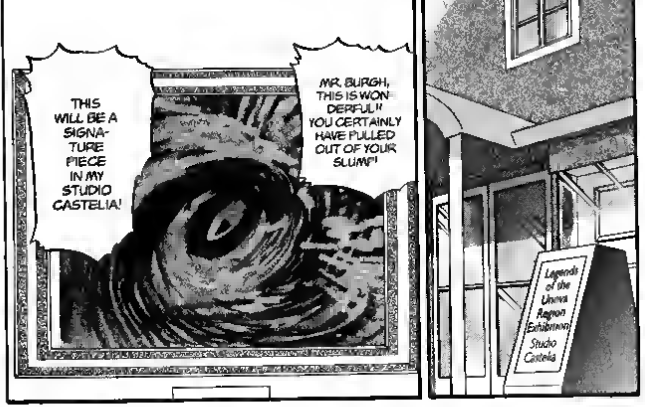
WHAT'S WRONG?! IS IT SICK?!
NO.. THIS COULD BE A SIGN THAT TEP IS EVOLVING!!
YOU MEAN... TEP IS GOING TO CHANGE SHAPE?!
EVOLVING?!
I DON'T KNOW...
BUT IT'S BEEN FIGHTING FOR QUITE A WHILE NOW.
IF IT'S A POKéMON WHO EVOLVES— THAT COULD BE WHAT'S HAPPENING.
BUT, BUT... TEP AND GIGI LOOK SO CUTE TOGETHER!
THEY'RE SO POPULAR! I'M GETTING OFFERS FOR TV SERIES, MOVIES, COMMERCIALS...
BUT IF...
...TEP...

NO, NO, NO!! YOU MUSTN'T EVOLVE. I'LL LOSE SO MUCH BUSINESS IF YOU CHANGE!!
NO, NO, NO!!
SWING
SWING
NO-O-O-O!!
W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
B-BUT...
IN THAT CASE... TAKE THIS WITH YOU.
I MADE A SCHEDULE FOR YOU!!
TIME FOR MY GYM BATTLE!! I MADE A RESERVATION!!
AN ALARM..?
ACK!!
Biii Biii Biii


THIS WILL BE A SIGNATURE PIECE IN MY STUDIO CASTELIA!
MR. BURGH, THIS IS WONDERFUL!! YOU CERTAINLY HAVE PULLED OUT OF YOUR SLUMP!!
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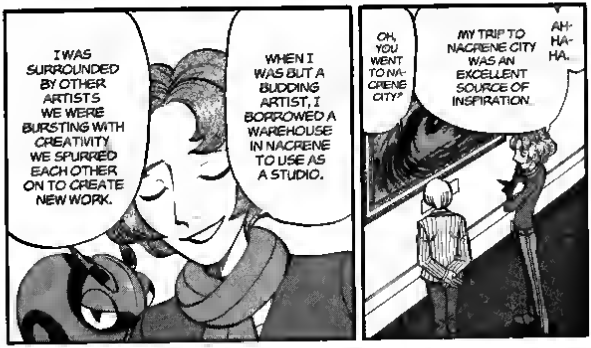
Studio Castelia

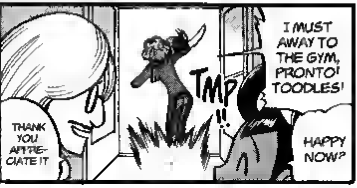

I WAS SURROUNDED BY OTHER ARTISTS WE WERE BURSTING WITH CREATIVITY. WE SPURRED EACH OTHER ON TO CREATE NEW WORK.
WHEN I WAS BUT A BUDDING ARTIST, I BORROWED A WAREHOUSE IN NACRENE TO USE AS A STUDIO.
OH, YOU WENT TO NACRENE CITY?
MY TRIP TO NACRENE CITY WAS AN EXCELLENT SOURCE OF INSPIRATION.
AH-HA-HA.

BURGH!!
TMP
TMP
THAT'S RIGHT.
SO YOU WENT BACK TO YOUR ROOTS, HUH?

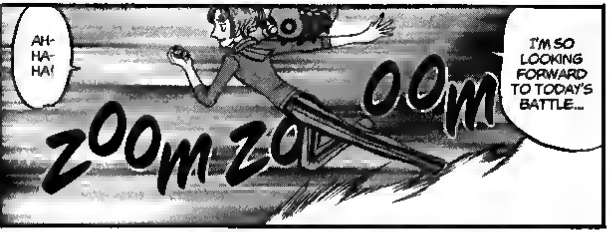
VISITING CASTELIA AGAIN? HOW DO YOU LIKE MY NEW PIECE?
HELLO, IRIS!
THIS ONE...?
YOU'RE THE GYM LEADER OF CASTELIA CITY! YOU SHOULD BE PREPARED!!
A CHALLENGER HAS ARRIVED FOR A GYM BATTLE!! HE HAS A RESERVATION.
GO AHEAD. GIVE ME YOUR HONEST, STRAIGHTFORWARD, CHARMINGLY UNSOPHISTICATED OPINION. DON'T HOLD BACK!
I LIKE THIS PAINTING BETTER.
ARGH !!
ARE YOU LOSING YOUR TOUCH, BURGH...? THIS PAINTING LOOKS... UNPOLISHED. IT'S LIKE YOU FORCED YOURSELF TO USE A DRAWING TECHNIQUE THAT DOESN'T SUIT YOU. I PREFER YOUR CUTE PICTURES.
M-MR. BURGH! GET AHOLD OF YOURSELF!!
stab slash

THESE PAINTINGS ARE BASED ON UNOVA REGION LEGENDS, AREN'T THEY?
WHITE FLAME
BLACK LIGHTNING BOLT
HUH?!
HE'S GOING TO FALL INTO A SLUMP AGAIN! CHEER HIM UP, QUICK.!
IRIS... IRIS!!
THESE ARE GOOD TOO.
ARE YOU WEARING A COLOGNE SCENTED WITH HONEY?
BUT YOU SMELL AWFULLY NICE, BURGH!
NOT COLOGNE! BUT I DO SMELL LIKE HONEY, IRIS!!

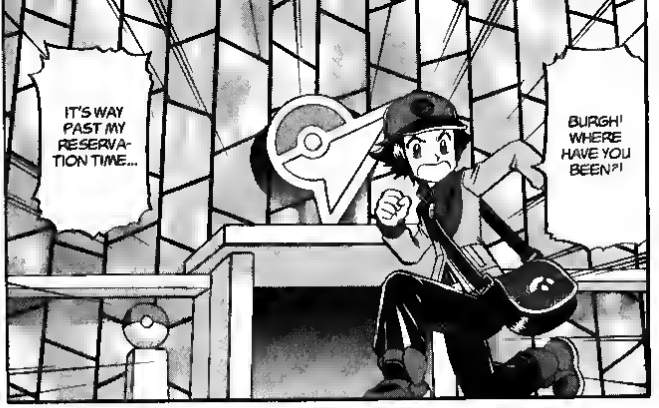
I CREATED AN INCREDIBLE NEW ARCHITECTURE FOR MY NEXT GYM CHALLENGER !!
I'M SO PLEASED YOU NOTICED!

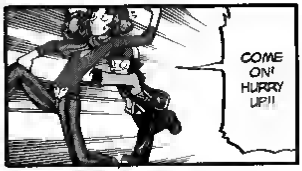

THANK YOU APPRE-CIATE IT
TMP !!
I MUST AWAY TO THE GYM, PRONTO! TOODLES!
HAPPY NOW?

MY CHAL-LENGER AWAITS!
OOPS! THAT RE-MINDS ME!


AH-HA-HA!
ZOOM ZOOM
I'M SO LOOKING FORWARD TO TODAY'S BATTLE...

...WITH THIS CHAL-LENGER!


IT'S WAY PAST MY RESERVATION TIME...
BURGH! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?!


COME ON! HURRY UP!!

OH, I'M SORRY, SO SORRY...

WHAT THE—?!
..IS THAT RIGHT?!
AND I HAVE TO FIND MY WAY THROUGH THIS MAZE OF HONEY YOU DESIGNED TO GET TO YOU?!
YOU'LL BE WAITING FOR ME AT THE END OF THE GYM?!

I JUST BUILT THIS MAZE AND YOU'VE ALREADY FIGURED OUT ITS PURPOSE?! YOU DID YOUR HOMEWORK- AND FAST!
YOU ARE CORRECT
I USED MY ARTISTIC TALENTS TO CREATE THIS MAZE
IN OTHER WORDS, I PAINTED THESE WALLS WITH HONEY! EACH WALL IS A WORK OF ART!
THIS MAZE IS MY STUDIO AND AN OBJET D'ART— AS WELL AS MY GYM!
HOW DO YOU LIKE IT? SURREAL AND AVANT-GARDE, DON'T YOU THINK...?
EH?
AAAAAH!!
YAAAAH!!
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HE AP PEARS TO BE IN QUITE A HURRY
HM ..
TAKE YOUR TIME! SAVOR MY WORK!
HEY, HEY!

YOU HAVE AR RIVED!
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF TO YOU ONCE AGAIN
I AM BURGH, THE GYM LEADER OF CASTELIA CITY!
drip
Plip

THE REMIER NSECT RTIST!!
OTHER-WISE KNOWN AS...
GO! TEP..
TEP IS A FIRE-TYPE POKÉMON AND BRAV IS A FLYING-TYPE POKÉMON... SO THEY BOTH HAVE THE ADVANTAGE!!
HE'S AN EXPERT ON BUG-TYPE POKÉ-MON.
NOOOOO!!
NO, NO, NO!! YOU MUSTN'T EVOLVE
WHP
WHP
WHP
BOM
NNGH...
BRAV !!

AIR SLASH !!
FWOOSH
MY WHIRLIPEDE SPINS LIKE A WHEEL TO KEEP ITS OPPONENT FROM READING ITS MOVES.
YES, BUT ..
OH! A FLYING TYPE ATTACK! THAT'S ITS WEAKNESS!
WELL YOU ALREADY KNEW I HAVE A WHIRLIPEDE... SO IT'S ONLY NATURAL FOR YOU TO ATTACK IT WITH THE MOST EFFECTIVE MOVE
WE EACH GET TO USE THREE POKÉMON.
CAN YOU GUESS WHAT ...
BOOM!
...MY OTHER TWO WILL BE!!

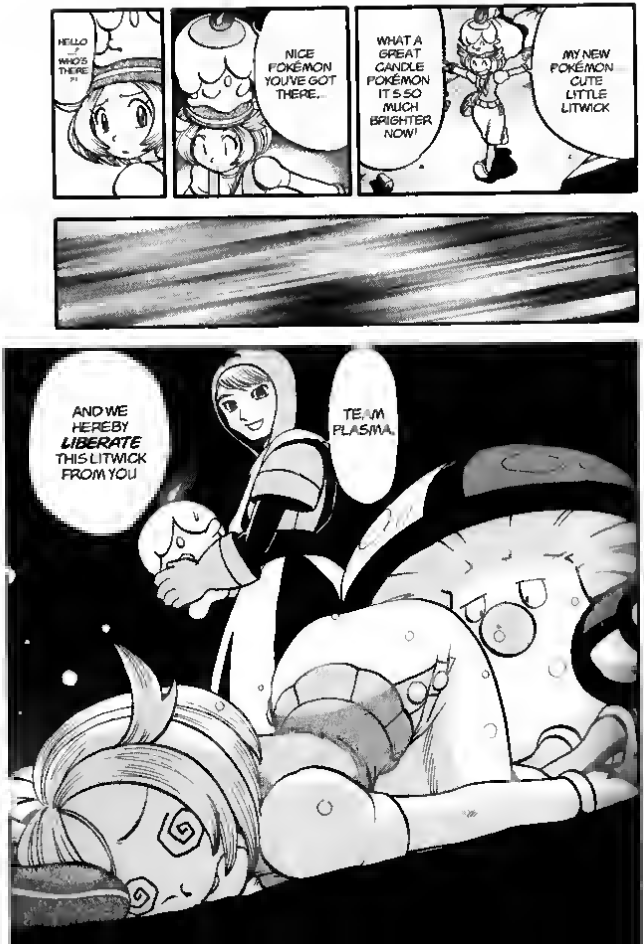
DWEBBLE!!
AH, YOU GUESSED RIGHT!
BUT NOW CAN YOU GUESS WHICH ATTACK I'LL USE?!
SMACK DOWN.
SMACK
BRAV!!
I'M A BUG-TYPE POKÉMON EXPERT.
I'M AT A DISADVANTAGE AGAINST TRAINERS WHO USE FLYING TYPE AND FIRE TYPE POKÉMON.
THAT'S WHY I'VE DEVELOPED SPECIAL COUNTER MEASURES.
SMACK DOWN IS JUST ONE OF THEM.

SMACK DOWN! THAT'S A ROCK TYPE ATTACK— WHICH IS EFFECTIVE AGAINST FLYING-TYPE AND FIRE-TYPE POKÉMON!
PRE-CISE LY
BUT THERE'S ANOTHER REASON YOUR BRAVIARY FELL
!!
POISON!!
SSHH
SSHH
!!
EXACTLY YOUR BRAVIARY WAS ALREADY HIT WITH POISON DURING THE FIRST BATTLE!! WHEN IT—
...CLASHED WITH MY WHIRLIPEDE DIDN'T YOU NOTICE?
BOM!
TULA !

...LEAVANNY!
BOOM!
SOMETHING'S WRONG...
INSTEAD, I'LL BRING OUT...
BETTER SAVE DWEBBLE FOR MY TRUMP CARD.
CHAK!
I'VE GOT TO CONCENTRATE ON THIS BATTLE!!
CONCENTRATE!!
creep
creep

PHEW ...
THE END OF A LONG DAY'S WORK!
I WONDER HOW BLACK IS DOING
COME TO THINK OF IT, I'VE NEVER SEEN BLACK'S GYM BATTLES.
AS HIS BOSS AND SPONSOR, I OUGHT TO WATCH HIM
I WONDER WHERE THE GYM IS...
WAHHH! THIS CITY IS SO BIG AND CROWDED!
BLACK, WHERE ARE YOU?!
BLACK
IN THIS STREET? THAT STREET?
I'VE GOT A HUNCH HE'S.. OVER THERE!

WHY DID YOU SAY THIS CITY IS SO BIG THAT WE HAVE TO SPLIT UP TO FIND BLACK?!
WAHHH! CHEREN, YOU DUMMY!!
I DON'T WANT TO WALK DOWN IT ALONE
B-BUT THIS STREET IS SO DARK... AND EMPTY...
I HAVE THE PERFECT POKÉMON FOR THIS SITUATION!
OH! I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
YAY!!


HELLO ? WHO'S THERE ?!
NICE POKÉMON YOU'VE GOT THERE..
WHAT A GREAT CANDLE POKÉMON IT'S SO MUCH BRIGHTER NOW!
MY NEW POKÉMON CUTE LITTLE LITWICK
AND WE HEREBY LIBERATE THIS LITWICK FROM YOU
TEAM PLASMA